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Minoru YAMADA et al.

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Application No.: 09/812,997

Examiner: M. Battaglia

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For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
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